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Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 10, 22, and 24 are amended.

No new matter has been added

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A desktop card printer for printing data onto cards, comprising:

an external communication link enabling communications with a device external to the card printer;

a controller within the printer in communication with the communication link;

a USB hub internal to said printer;

at least one data writer configured to write data onto the cards; and

a plurality of data couplers connected to between the data writer and the USB hub providing communications between the data writer and the USB hub.

11. (Original) A desktop card printer according to claim 10, wherein said USB hub is electronically integrated therein.

Claims 12-20 (canceled).

21. (Previously Presented) A desktop card printer according to claim 10, wherein the data writer comprises a smart card contact and the data couplers comprise smart card data couplers, and

wherein a selected one of said couplers controls a data output of said contact, and said one of said couplers is selectable via said USB hub.

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22. (Currently Amended) A desktop card printer for printing data onto plastic cards, comprising:

an external communication link enabling communications with a device external to the card printer;

a controller within the printer in communication with the communication link;

at least one data writer configured to write data onto the cards; and

a plurality of data couplers connected to between the data writer and the controller providing communications between the data writer and the controller.

23. (Previously Presented) A desktop card printer according to claim 22, wherein the data writer comprises a smart card contact and the data couplers comprise smart card data couplers, and wherein a selected one of said couplers controls a data output of said contact, and said one of said couplers is selectable via said controller.

24. (Currently Amended) A desktop card printer for printing data onto plastic cards, comprising:

a plurality of external communication links enabling communications with a device external to the card printer;

a controller within the printer in communication with at least one of the communication links;

at least one data writer configured to write data onto the cards; and

a plurality of data couplers connected to between the data writer and a plurality of the external communication links providing communications between the data writer and the external device.

25. (Previously Presented) A desktop card printer according to claim 24, wherein the data writer comprises a smart card contact and the data couplers comprise smart card data couplers, and wherein a selected one of said couplers controls a data output of said contact, and said one of said couplers is selectable via the external device.

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26. (New) A desktop card printer according to claim 10, wherein the data couplers convert instructions from a form used by the USB hub to a form used by the data writer.

27. (New) A desktop card printer according to claim 22, wherein the data couplers convert instructions from a form used by the controller to a form used by the data writer.

28. (New) A desktop card printer according to claim 24, wherein the data couplers convert instructions from a form used by the external device to a form used by the data writer.